BASILICA OF
SAINT MARY
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Mother Church of Catholicism in Hampton Roads and Designated Holy Door Site

Mission Statement
The Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception is the only African-American Basilica in the United States and the cornerstone of Catholicism in Tidewater. Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, regardless of race, language or culture. Nourished by the Eucharist, we seek to accomplish this by drawing on our rich African-American heritage of Spirit-filled worship, Christ-centered service, and fellowship that recalls our common Father.

This is our call. This is our mission.

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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm

Sundays
9:00 am and 12:00 Noon
Tuesday-Friday
12:10 pm
Holy Days
12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Religious Education
Sundays
September through May
10:45 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays
4:15 pm or by appointment

Marriage
Contact priest 6 months prior to proposed wedding date.

Ministry to Sick
and Homebound
Please contact Church Office to arrange for communion, anointing of the sick or when someone is ill, in the hospital, or in need in any way.

Baptism
Parents who present children to be baptized are expected to be registered members of the parish for 6 months. Parents must attend a baptismal preparation session prior to baptism 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact the Church Office.

Interested in the Catholic Faith?
The RCIA process is for you. Please contact the Church Office.

The Ministry of Consolation
meets on the last Saturday of each month in St. Joseph’s Chapel at 3:00 pm. If this is your time of grief and pain because of the loss of a loved one, this ministry encourages you to join us at a meeting where you will meet others who have suffered a loss.

Rector
Rev. Fr. Jim Curran
frjimcurran@gmail.com
757-876-0554

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Calvin Bailey

Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Oretha B. Pretlow

Office Administrator
Ms. Nicole Drummond

Director of Christian Formation
Mrs. Barbara Wright

Christian Formation Coordinator
Mr. Frank Scott

Director of Liturgical Music
Mr. Sammie L. Logan, Jr.

Sustainable Ministry
Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen
Ms. Ercelle Drayton

Resource Minister
Ms. Angela Harris

Church Sexton
Mr. Luther Adams, Jr.

Bookkeeper
Ms. Phyllis Gary

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**WEEKLY READINGS**

**MONDAY**
Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

**TUESDAY**
Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

**WEDNESDAY**
Saint Damasus I, Pope
Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

**THURSDAY**
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-6, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

**FRIDAY**
Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:18-24

**SATURDAY**
Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

**4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

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**PASTORAL CARE**

**Send a card, make a call, visit and always pray for our brothers and sisters in faith who are ill, including...**

**SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Bernie Angeles, Clarence Banks, Jr., Annie Belardo, Daniel A. Brown, Barbara Bryant, Francine Bryant, Marion Bullock, Charles Cabarras, Brenda Cannon, Margaret Church, Matthew Cherry, Gloria Coleman, Geraldine Coleman, Adrian Dixon, Vincent C. Eason, Jr., Agna Estaris, Elisha Goode, Thado Greene, Sharon Haynes, Shirley Jasper, Martha Jones, Skip Jones, William Mann, Emma Mills, Antonell McGlone, Eric Murphy, Kenswil Paige, Alexis Perry, Dr. H. Mark Richard, Dorothy Sharp, Faye Shaw, Bertha Spence, John Ward, Jessie Winfield, Rosie Woodis


**NURSING HOME/REHAB:**
Norris Phillips, Georgian Manor, River Walk
Emily Ponton, Elizabeth Allen Crump Rehab, Glen Allen, VA, Rm 12B
Kema Rodgers, Sentara Rehab Newtown

**TO PLACE NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST:**
Call the Church Office, 757-622-4487

**TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:**
Contact the Pastoral Care Team:
Tom Bomar, 757-461-10 53 or 757-692-8347
Cindy Williams, 757-849-9298

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**THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE ANGELS FOR BLESSING THOSE IN NEED!!!!!**
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Prayer Group Christmas Caroling

The Basilica Prayer Group will be Christmas Caroling for the residents of Marian Manor Retirement Community on December 17th at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please arrive at 5:45 PM, so we can start singing on time. The address for Marian Manor is: 5345 Marian Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. There will be no Prayer Group meeting in St. Joseph's Chapel on December 17th. If you have any questions, please call or text Sandra Jarvis at: 757 589-3797.
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**Pastoral Parish Council**
The Parish Pastoral Council serves as the consultative body for the Parish and provides counsel to the rector and lay administration; helps to envision, establish, plan, and monitor the mission and activities of the Parish. Members of the Council include the Rector, Deacon, Pastoral Associate and 10 persons elected by the Parish.
The Parish Pastoral Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm on the 2nd floor of the Academy in room 202. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please send an email to: parishcouncil@bsmic.org.

**Members**
Mr. James Gray-Chair ……………………. jgray34@cox.net
Mr. JC Gardner-Co Chair ………………… aig0905@yahoo.com
Mrs. Dana Dixon-Sec. …………………. Danawilliams412@gmail.com
Mrs. Sarah Williams…………………… swatsonw@verizon.net
Mrs. ReVac Goodwyn
Mrs. Latarisha Beamon
Mr. Robert Hewitt, Jr………………….. robhew@cox.net
Mr. Carlton Sample………………….. carlsonsample@yahoo.com
The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2019 at 6:30pm.
All meetings are open the parishioners.

**Finance Council**
The Financial Council meets monthly to review collections, expenses, income and the budget of the Parish. Once a year, Council members review the investments of the Parish. The Rector appoints members:

**Members**
Mr. Arcino Quiero, Jr.-Chair
Mr. John Butler
Mrs. Michele Chesley
Mr. Eric Labat
Mrs. Michelle Maul

**Pastoral Plan Governing Committee (PPGC)**
The role of the PPGC is to provide a forum to set strategic direction and resolve conflicting views, assist with resolutions or responses issues and risks, influence project execution by managing change in direction and provide final signoff on project acceptance.

**Members**
Eric K. Brown - Chair
Deacon Calvin Bailey
Arcino Quiero, Jr
Oretha Pretlow
Lyndon Berry
Luther Adams
Nicole Drummond
Deborah Lamb
Michelle Maull
Barbara Wright

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**Offertory**

**Monthly Offering Collection OCTOBER 2019**

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**Weekly Collection Nov. 25 to November 30, 2019**

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**The Basilica's 5th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast**

will be held on Saturday January 18, 2020 9:00AM at Saint Patrick’s Catholic School Dinning Hall.
The Keynote Speaker is our very own Mona Taylor Gunn, National President of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

Tickets will be available Sunday, November 24, 2019.
Ticket price $30.00 each limited seating. See any Knight of Peter Claver.
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REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATION TO PARISH COUNCIL

- A fully initiated Catholic in good standing
- Already active in church ministry
- A good listener, attuned to the needs of all parishioners
- Respects and values diversity
- Willing and able to offer particular skills and gifts to the parish
- Demonstrates the capacity to be a visionary and help set the future course for our parish
- Demonstrates mutual respect and acknowledgement of others’ gifts
- Able and willing to participate in consensus building
- Is not a current member of the Finance Council
- Willing and able to attend monthly evening meetings for up to three years

NOMINATION FORM (Deadline: January 6, 2020)

Person I am nominating: ____________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
Phone Number(s): __________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________

This person meets these criteria and I have asked them to consider taking on this responsibility.
Yes _____   No ______

My Name ______________________________________________________________
Phone Number _________________________________